

NORTH ROYALTON RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26th, 2020

The Recreational Board meeting was held on May 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mr. Wells

Present: Committee Members: Chair Russ Wells, Todd Althouse, Tony Santangelo, Jason Swim, Dr. John Kelly, Jeremy Dietrich; Recognized Clubs & Organizations: Craig Barbeck (NRBB), Guy DiSiena (NRSC); Non-recognized Clubs & Organizations

Absent with Cause:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept February 2020 meeting minutes by Dr. Kelly, Mr. Santangelo 2nd, Motion carried.

REPORTS

Recreation Department: Jason Swim – They city is still considering the fishing derby – July 17th is tentative date

School Board: Dr. John Kelly – See attached report for NRCS

Council: Jeremy Dietrich – Council committees will resume in June. They are working through the challenges.

NORTH ROYALTON RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Baseball (NRBB): Craig Barbeck – NRBB has their cyber insurance. They are closer to starting travel season and hope to start with 3 fields – perhaps next Wed, June 3rd. Mr. Barbeck asked the 3 travel organizations to sign off that they will follow state and NRBB Covid guidelines. They must have players sign a Covid release form and the teams will maintain their list of anyone that contracted virus. The games will be played on non-adjacent fields. They are going to mark off the area behind backstop to allow players and coaches to social distance. NRBB is hoping to be able to play 3-4 games a night. They do not think they will have a very competitive rec season. They are down over 50% on registration, but Mr. Barbeck thinks more will ask for refunds. The ages will be mixed, if they can put something together. Mr. Barbeck thought it would not be a problem finding umpires. Mr. Santangelo asked that clubs monitor and participate in the NR Facebook groups (NR Residents and NR Parents). It would be a good place to communicate with residents and players. A boy's travel coach asked on FB for clarification on when they would be able to get on the field for practice and when they could start playing games. NRBB is waiting for approval from the city but hopes to start June 3rd. Dr. Kelly asked that we revisit the idea that city would require permits for non-NR teams to use fields like Soccer. Mr. Barbeck asked if Dr. Kelly has heard a rumor that HS teams could be called back before the end of July, this is a concern because the travel teams may lose players. Dr. Kelly responded that he had not heard such a rumor.

Soccer (NRSC): Guy DiSiena – See attached report for NRSC.

Basketball (BANR): Mike Lee – Not present. No report.

North Royalton Community Garden (NRCG): Dejana Cinquepalmi (read by Mr. Marnecheck) – We are thankful to our city for allowing us to get into the garden to be able to start planting under several new guidelines and our standing rules. At this time, we will not be working on any projects or construction till we get clearance from the city. With the late start and the weather conditions, the garden needs some maintenance to plot and walkways. We do not have running water at the garden but have been working with Jason and the Mayor to get that resolved. The Rec dept will water the garden for us on a schedule that we will put together. This is not permanent, but a solution for running water in the garden needs to be found soon. Looking forward to sunny days when we can continue with our garden expansion project and replacement of some old plot boards. We are still looking for fencing (need 5' x 200' chain link) for the garden and donations of lumber for the new plots, will need soil to fill those plots, another shed, a picnic table and/or donated funds to be able to complete this project. The expanded area will give us another 26 plots for new gardeners to enjoy all the benefits that gardening brings and allow us to donate more fresh produce back to our community. I have contacted the Eagle Scout to see what he can-wants to do for his project so we can get his process going and hopefully have that completed this year.

NORTH ROYALTON NON-RECOGNIZED CLUBS:

Football (NRYF): Not present. No report.

YMCA: Jeff Jacko – Not present. No report.

Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz – Mayor Antoskiewicz reported that the city is looking at portable toilets for NR parks and fields, since they may have different cleaning requirements than permanent restrooms according to the state guidelines. The Mayor is concerned that the city does not have the personnel to clean the restrooms every 2 hours as required by state, since they did hire summer help – since originally all fields had to be closed. The City received a NOPEC grant for fixing lights at York, the project has to be scaled down because of COVID. They are prioritizing what needs to be fixed. They need to replace an electrical box on and leaning poles. He plans to get as much done as possible with the 120K they have coming.

Paul Marnecheck, President of Council – Sat. April 25 from 9-noon is the city shred day. Unlimited paper until truck is full.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6:00pm. Dr. Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mr. Santangelo. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Schools Report for May Rec Board

In athletics there were no Spring Sports. Word came out recently allowing school facilities to open up to athletes for training purposes. No Specific plans for access and use by our athletes have been determined; meetings are being held this week. Also, currently there are no specific plans to open up the stadium or other school facilities (including the 3 varsity fields) for community use. There are multiple issues which would need to be resolved; including maintenance, facility disinfection for and between groups, and availability of hand sanitizer be placed at the open facilities.

The school year for students ended on May 22nd with the last day of assignments for ALL students. Teachers will be working till May 29th and the cafeteria staff will continue to provide meals till the 29th as well. Friday May 22nd was also senior check out day with seniors arriving at scheduled appointments to turn in all school owned property (books, Chromebooks, instruments) etc. All outstanding fees will also be collected, and any overpayments have been or will be refunded. Seniors will also pick up caps and gown for the scheduled virtual graduation walks to be held in the PAC May 26 through 29. Seniors will be allowed up to four guests during their walk. They will be videotaped receiving their diploma and professional photos will be taken. Later in the week, the graduation speeches will be recorded, and a compilation video will be posted for the class and the community. Also, over the past two weeks, many virtual celebrations were held; including the 8th grade promotion, HS honors and awards and drive-through clap outs for the 4th graders

No decisions regarding school in the Fall have been made. The focus of activity through June 1 is the completion of the 2019-2020 school year. Planning for the alternatives for 2020-2021 will begin after that with three groups created; PK to 6, 7 to 12, and logistics. A draft of guidelines was released by ODE; and CDC has a couple documents out there, but these are preliminary, and it seems like the situation and recommendations are a moving target. A lot may depend on what the statistics look like in mid-June.

If there is such a thing as good news during this crisis, the elementary and high school construction projects are moving well and ahead of original timelines. The milder winter led to extensive outdoor progress at the elementary site with walls and roofing projects moving well. Common areas are nearly done externally, and steel erection is complete. We held a virtual final beam installation and topping ceremony and the project is forging ahead. A good part of the building has been studded and some areas are receiving drywall. Currently the building is essentially buttoned up and a lot of inside work is being done.

Progress at the High School is truly amazing. I sent some pictures from my walk-through last Friday that I hope you were able to open. A lot of the classrooms in the new math wing are finish painted and ready for furniture. This was another area of positivity where building closure in April means many of the projects slated for summer are now 4 weeks ahead. There is currently an online auction of old and unwanted furnishings and equipment which ends on May 27. We are striving to at least cover the costs of disposal from the auction but like other school. If interested the website is

www.fasttrackauctions.com.

Or information can be found on the District website. Buy a classroom of desks for \$1.00 there are rooms available.

After the auction we will recycle what we can and dispose of the rest.

REC BOARD MEETING REPORT for May 26, 2020



Updates since last meeting

- Spring registration closed a bit early but with good numbers
 - 125 Recreation spring season additions
 - 59 Bears Academy (U5 & U6)
 - 66 Rec Leagues
- Spring Season closed by Governor's Restrictions
 - OHTSL, our travel league that was to start April 19th canceled season
 - We canceled our early Spring dates in March and beginning of April for recreation and then following the travel league and canceled Spring Season
- We began the process of refunding all the Fall 19/Spring 20 Rec & Travel for the Spring portion and all the new Spring registrants the last week of April and finished May 4th
 - We refunded over \$44,600. ½ the fall/spring registration fee.
 - Almost 600 checks went out to families of over 725 players
 - We sent out an Email announcing to all and used addresses from the 2019/20 online registration and asked them to contact us if they have not received.
 - Some addresses may have changed and we are following up on returned mail so if anyone bypasses us and contacts the City, please have them Email me with their information nrsctreasurer@outlook.com.

We received the Governor's directions on opening "skills" training and will be organizing some training sessions, Travel teams from the spring first according to the state and OHTSL (our league) guidelines. We would like to start Thursday. No contact training, no scrimmages, no games, safe distances maintained, players, coaches, and spectators. Masks coaches and spectators.

We are awaiting word on the opening of play for leagues and games so we can begin registration for the 2020/21 soccer year

Heasley facilities

- We are working on getting hand sanitizer and extra masks if anyone is without.
- We are looking into hand sanitizer stations and the cost and availability of touchless units. (any purchasing assistance the city as to sourcing and availability would be helpful)
- Restroom faucets need upgraded, they are the kind you need to hold with one hand while washing the other hand, somehow. Because you wouldn't want the faucets to be left running, touchless units would be preferred. Can the Rec Department help us with the upgrade and installation?

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May 26, 2020

North Royalton Soccer Club will continue to take direction from state and local officials. On Thursday, May 21st the State of Ohio issued return to play guidelines for all youth sports beginning May 26th.

As of May 26, 2020, our instructions to membership are as follows.

All training sessions should be focused on skills, conditioning, or agility. Spectators must maintain six-foot social distancing and wear masks. Coaches must maintain six-foot social distancing and wear a mask at all times. Coaches, players, and parents/guardians must conduct symptom assessments before training sessions; if you experience symptoms, please stay home.

Players must not share individual water bottles or other beverages. No spitting at any time. Coaches should designate space for each player to maintain a six foot radius from others. There should be no direct contact with other players. Scrimmages and games are not permitted. No congregation should occur before or after the training session.

Equipment and items related to the activity must be sanitized before, during, and after every event. If equipment cannot be sanitized during the activity, only one participant should use that piece of equipment until it can be sanitized.

Teams must ensure that practice facilities has adequate space for social distancing on and off the field of play. Time should be allotted between sessions to allow teams to exit prior to new teams arriving. All sessions should be held outdoors in an open air setting.

As of today we are allowing in person skills training and conditioning. No scrimmages or games are permitted at this time.

Thank you,

Larry Zajac
President
North Royalton Soccer Club



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Skills Training for All Sports



Participants/ Spectators

Mandatory

- **Skills training may begin. Social distancing should be followed. Coaches should designate space for each player to maintain six foot spacing.**
- **Parents/guardians remaining at the training facility should maintain six-foot social distancing practices. No additional spectators are permitted.**
- No-touch rule is in effect. All individuals must avoid physical contact with others including high fives, huddles, or other close contact occurring before, during, and after skills sessions unless the contact is for the purpose of safety. Scrimmages and games are not permitted.
- No congregation should occur before or after the training or practice session.
- Coaches, players, parents/guardians must do a self-symptom check before going to the training session or practice. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*

Recommended Best Practices

- Parents/guardians should wear face coverings inside the training facility.

Equipment

- Facilities/clubs/teams must ensure that practice facilities have adequate space for social distancing on and off the field of play.
- Time should be allotted between sessions to allow teams to exit fields/facilities prior to new teams arriving.
- Equipment and items related to the activity must be sanitized before, during and after every event. If equipment cannot be sanitized during the activity, only participants of a single team must use equipment and items related to the activity and opposing participants avoid touching that equipment.
- All protocol included in the Responsible RestartOhio Guidance for Gyms, Dance Instruction Studios, and Other Personal Fitness Venues must be followed.

Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.

*Per the CDC, symptoms include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.

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Attendance Sheet

May 26, 2020

Jason Swim Recreation Director

Todd Althouse Board Member

Tony Santangelo Board Member

Russ Wells Board Member

Dr. John Kelly School Board Member

Jeremy Dietrich Council Representative

Guy Desiena - NRSC

Craig Barbeck - NRBB

Mayer Antskewicz

Council President - Paul Marredock